

REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Restriction Requirement dated October 6, 2003, and have made amendments to the claims. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this amendment, claims 17-31 and 41 have been withdrawn from consideration without prejudice or disclaimer; thus, claims 1-16 and 32-40 are pending. Consideration and allowance of all the pending claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.


The applicants elect the invention of Group I directed to an external infusion device and a tab, including claims 1-16 and 32-40, for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 17-31 and 41 are withdrawn as being directed to the non-elected invention of Group II. The applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to this subject matter at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and all the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds that the application is other than in condition for allowance and believes that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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